

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 452

By Roberts

A RESOLUTION to recognize James "Jimmy" Harden on the occasion of his retirement.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should recognize, particularly on the occasion of their retirement, those outstanding teachers who have devoted their careers to providing the highest quality education for Tennessee's students; and

WHEREAS, James "Jimmy" Harden is one such estimable educator who, having distinguished himself as an exemplary teacher, will soon enter into a well-deserved retirement; and

WHEREAS, a teacher and coach at Cheatham County Central High School, Mr. Harden has served with acumen and alacrity in Cheatham County Schools for thirty years, instructing and positively influencing students from all walks of life; he has taught classes at his alma mater ranging from government to psychology and coached basketball, football, golf, softball, and cross country; and

WHEREAS, a teacher for forty-one years, Jimmy Harden received his Bachelor of Arts degree in Secondary Education from Harding University; before returning home to Cheatham County, he taught and coached at Pleasant Plains High School in Arkansas, as well as Poyen High School, Bismarck High School, and Amity Public Schools; and

WHEREAS, he is an extremely talented and compassionate educator who has worked assiduously to motivate his students to reach their full potential, both as scholars and as citizens; and

WHEREAS, an organized professional who has always set high expectations for his students, Jimmy Harden has truly served as an inspiration to his colleagues and his students

alike, and his friendship and counsel are highly valued by those who are fortunate to know him;  
and

WHEREAS, throughout his estimable career, Mr. Harden has demonstrated the utmost professionalism, ability, and integrity, winning the unbridled respect and admiration of the community at large; and

WHEREAS, his many professional accomplishments aside, he is grateful for the love and support he shares with his wife, Patty, and his daughter, Lacey; and

WHEREAS, Jimmy Harden truly epitomizes the dedicated teacher who is wholly committed to the highest ideals of public service and quality education for all, and he should be specially recognized for his manifold achievements on the occasion of his retirement; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED ELEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we honor James "Jimmy" Harden, commending his exceptional service to the children of Cheatham County, saluting his professional expertise and personal excellence, and extending to him our heartfelt wishes for a happy and fulfilling retirement and every continued success in his future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.